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Kayaking with Kiko on Clear Lake Aug 2003

From Cat Person to Dog Person...

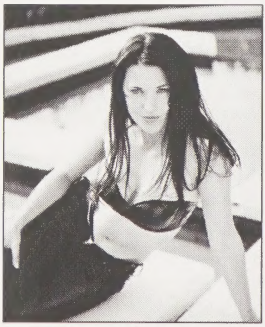
I've always thought of myself as a cat person. I liked dogs, I just didn't know any, except for the ones that chased me on my bike when I was younger, or knocked me over and ate my ice cream cone. I come from a family of cat lovers, starting with my Baba, who had Siamese cats. Her Siamese, Chee-Chee, was not particularly nice, and was known to climb the drapes for sport, but she always had very cute kittens. When I was four, Dad and I were playing ball at Baba's, and one kitty was running back and forth, chasing the ball we were throwing. At one point, the ball went astray and the little kitty got bonked on the head and knocked unconscious. By the time she came to, I had already convinced Dad to bring her back home with us. I named her Chee-Chee (Yeah, when you're four, there's not a whole lot of imagination going on!) and she was with us for eighteen years. Chee-Chee and I did everything together, and being from a small town in rural Manitoba, she was also my best friend. Sherekhan and Bagheera, my current Siamese, are now twelve, and though they still take great delight in torturing me, I know they love me. Lesbians are especially passionate about their pets, for a variety of reasons. I think it's because pets don't discriminate or judge, and nothing is more comforting than their unconditional perfect love. (Well, Bagheera is a little judgmental, and Sherekhan is a little co-dependent...)

This past year, I made my life more complicated by adopting a white long-haired cat, Ashly. She's an absolute sweetheart, which is lucky for her since she sheds three inches of fur per minute, and her favourite hobby is sleeping on my beret. (It takes ten minutes to de-fur my uniform before I go to work!) She's the perfect floppy, soft, sweet kitty. (Well... Ashly is a little passive-aggressive...) My Siamese are FINALLY moving to Edmonton this year, and I know they will make no attempt to make Ashly feel happy. Ever. To make things even more complicated, I became a dog person for the first time thanks to two very sweet Terrier-Poodles, who, along with their Mom, stole my heart in January. Kiko and Kobie are such sweet personalities, and are the first dogs to ever like me. I have had so much fun with them, they love so easily, and all they really ever want to do is play. Although we said good-bye to Kobie this past summer, Kiko has stepped up to be the dog of the house, although, technically, I will always be the Alpha. I love that dogs can go everywhere, and that they have special doggy accessories for big suckers like me—though the doggy life jackets are very functional, not just outrageously cute. The blending of the cat person and the dog person is a fur-flying reality of dyke families—and though it's not always easy, I wouldn't have it any other way.▼

ANGELINA THE GREAT

(www.gay.com)

Angelina Jolie is taking her role as mommy very seriously—all the way to the silver screen. Jolie has signed on to appear as the mother of Alexander the Great in *Alexander*, director Oliver Stone's sweeping biographical epic. Colin Farrell is set to play the title role, and Oscar winner Anthony Hopkins is taking on the part of Ptolemy, one of Alexander's closest friends and confidants. The film marches into multiplexes in December 2004, about the same time as another Jolie movie—the animated Dreamworks underwater mobster comedy *Sharkslayer*, which also features the voices of Robert De Niro, Renée Zellweger and Will Smith.



XENA BATTLES THE BOOGEYMAN

(www.gay.com)

Everyone's favourite warrior princess may finally be meeting a foe she can't beat—the boogeyman. *Xena's* Lucy Lawless has signed on to co-star in *The Boogeyman*, a thriller currently shooting in her home country of New Zealand. Along with Lawless, *7th Heaven's* Barry Watson stars as a young man returning to his childhood home to try to overcome traumatic, boogeyman-inspired events that took place in his bedroom. Not to be confused with the schlocky '80s series of movies, this fright fest comes from Sam (*Spider-Man*) Raimi's new horror production company, Ghost House. Raimi used to executive-produce *Xena*, and was responsible for such scary movies as *Evil Dead* and *Darkman*.

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what's up in september

. . . that we know about!

monday, september 8th, 7 pm

EVM open rehearsal. Everyone welcome. Garneau United. Come sing with us! For more details call 439-5094 or 479-2038.

monday, september 8th, 7-9 pm

Forum on Gay Marriage. Library Theatre, Downtown Library. An information/discussion session for the gay/lesbian/bisexual community on gay marriage. Come and find out what is happening and what we should be doing. Presentors include: Murray Billett, Julie Lloyd, and Councillor Michael Phair.

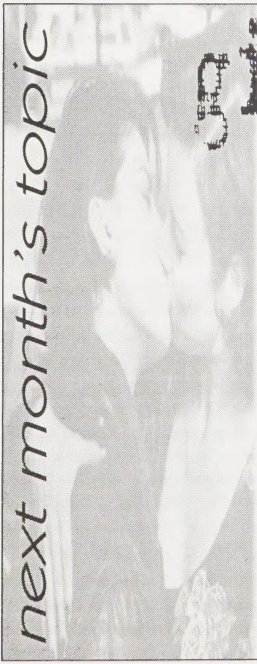
sunday, september 21st

HIV Walk, City Hall. For more details, contact Carmen at 488-5742 or events@hivedmonton.com

COMING SOON:

The Womonspace Annual General Meeting, Saturday October 18th before the dance. Watch for details in next month's issue.

next month's topic



girlfriends

Girlfriends...the love of your life...the one that got away...your best friend...who you dated last week, who you're dating this week...the friends that don't mind if you wear a cape to your favourite breakfast place...the grrls you hang out with... c'mon, there are stories to be told...wish your Honey a Happy Anniversary... anything...you already have your Halloween costume so you have time... share before October 15th... womonspace@hotmail.com...unless no one steps up to be editor...hey, maybe you should even volunteer to be the new editor...obviously you don't need to know how to spell or be a grammar master...and you can write anything you want, use as many exclamation marks as you want, anytime you want, anywhere you want...wheeee.....!!!

Hi Shawna,

I want you to know that I admire the talent, skill, patience and effort you have donated to Womonspace as Newsletter Editor and Dr. Dyke. In your hands, the newsletter became a sophisticated and stimulating publication, one that informed, entertained, challenged and inspired women (and men) with LGBT interests in Edmonton, Alberta and many places beyond. I'm very sad that you are stepping down, but I'm very glad to have been able to work with you, to have been the recipient of your constant encouragement with my writing efforts (especially the ever-extended deadlines when Saltini's crystal ball fogged over). Most of all, I'm excited that you are pursuing your writing interests. I expect that I soon will be able to attend several readings and point to a featured book and say, "I know, it's an amazing piece of writing. Did I tell you I knew her before she was famous?" That it will happen, I have no doubt!

—Hugs, Sal

Dear Editor,

I wanted to spread some awareness about what hate can do when it's unleashed in rural communities. I worked for a social services agency that bordered on the edge of what we "anti-racism activists" call the extreme right zone. Provost, Alberta, is well-known for it's organized hate group activity. In 1994 it hosted rallies for the Aryan Nations movement that brought hate mongers from across Canada, as well as, the United States. I worked for a group in Vancouver that monitored and tracked these hate groups and submitted information to authorities and agencies with the purpose of their elimination. During my work, I came head to head with a fellow that I had written about in an article, years previous in Vancouver. He was a professed Aryan who became an elected official in his local municipality. He also got himself appointed to a board of director's position in my social service agency. I was alarmed for my personal safety but also for the programming of the agency and the vulnerable clients we served. Not only did we service non-caucasian nationalities but we serviced disabled, gay and lesbian clients through the organization. I made it for six months after his arrival and endured verbal harassment during that time. What people should know is that when hate mongers (who are very organized, I must admit, and very well supported in the east here!) infiltrate social service agencies, they skim them apart and it usually leads to their eventual demise. Several personnel were lost in the process of trying to get rid of this fellow. In the end, the agency was left with program crisis as a result of the ongoing conflict within its walls between board, staff and client service delivery. I suspect at this time he's no longer on the board, but he was certainly effective in his mission to spread hate and destroy. People need to know that the Aryan Nations, KKK and similar movements are alive and well here in Eastern Alberta. The more we talk about our experiences and share the learning, the better chance we have of fighting their opportunities to harm others! —Tanya

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BOUND TO BE GERSHON

(www.gay.com)

Gina Gershon has had several roles that paired her with dangerous, beautiful women, and her upcoming feature may be her most dangerous yet. Along with Ali Larter (*Legally Blonde*) and Joy Bryant (*Antwone Fisher*), Gershon has started shooting *Three Way Split*, a violent and sexy thriller set in Los Angeles. *Three Way Split* is based on the 1963 trashy novel *Wild to Possess*, penned by pulp writer Gil Brewer. The book is about a kidnapper juggling the three sexpots in his life—his girlfriend, his partner in crime's mistress, and his bound kidnap victim.

2003. pride awards recipients

Pride Awards 2003 Recipients

submitted by Erin Kardolus

Michael Phair Award
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Sheryl McInnis Award
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Larry Sands Award
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A White Calf original

Pet Peevishness

by Joan White Calf

The thing I like about mares is that they don't even pretend to be nice. They will turn and attack their pasture-mates with much gusto. The psychological early warning system they carry is a given. The receiving mare will have fair warning, and a boundary not respected will invariably get you, the underdog/horse, a serious flesh wound, which will remind you to be more careful in the future. Usually you are, but sometimes you're distracted and shit happens. Once the skirmish is over, it's over... provided the boss bitches involved have come to an agreement, which usually means, "I'm the boss and if you don't annoy me, I'll not kick your face in." Oddly enough, as much as the boss bitches appear to loathe all the other girls in the herd, they don't like being separated. They will pine, call out, and generally be very stressed when parted from the gang. When reunited, they will run toward all with glee, and after trying to kick everyone's face in, they settle down to some serious communal grazing. This is what the boss bitches really live for—head down and munchmunchmunch. There is really nothing they like better than eating—except sex, but only when they're in the mood. It's very easy to tell when they are, because they aren't baring their teeth, and flattening their ears back against their heads—transforming into evil four-legged snarling entities, ready to kick your face in. Mares have a pretty interesting way with other mares' kids. They will always give them the killer look, but will give over and share the oats or a particularly luscious patch of grass with some greedy little foal. And they are quick to defend the babies against strangers—magpies, gophers, dogs and God help a curious gelding if he ventures too close to the kids! Boss bitches don't care about who is looking svelte or who has a big grass belly. They won't stare rudely if you're giving birth and making a bit of a mess all over the pasture. They won't bug you if you're having a roll in the sand or having sex with the daddy of their last baby. They are up for a bit of running, especially toward the big round bale. Just don't crowd the bitches!▼

Passionate About Pets

by Sam Hansen

I am driving home from a stressful day at work, processing all the things that frustrated me during the day. I walk through my front door, knowing there is a never-ending sea of housework waiting for me. As I aimlessly head for a quiet place, I hear my son's voice echoing in the back of my head, "What's for supper...can you drive me to my friends...can I have some money?" My answer is a simple grunt. I drop down hard on the couch like I have a thousand pounds weighing on my shoulders, with the phone ringing and TV blaring. I secretly pray for some form of escape as I close my eyes and wish the world away. A few moments go by and I feel this gentle paw on my arm. I open my eyes and there sits my dog with his head cocked and ears perked. I say to him "And what can I do for you?" I think he can tell I've had a bad day by my tone. He licks my hand and quietly lies down beside me, keeping his gentle but ever so present paw on my arm. I have never known anyone who shows such a lack of selfishness as an animal. They rely on us as their owners to provide everything for them, but will never ask for it. They just wait until we have a precious moment to spare for them. I know that having a pet is a huge responsibility, but there is really nothing that compares to their loyalty and companionship. When I am down, they bring me up—when I am sad, they make me happy—when I am scared, they make me feel safe, and when they are with me, I am never alone.▼

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Kobie and Mom

In Memory of Kobie Kobester—My Little Super Trooper

August 15th, 1997–August 17th, 2003
by R. Robatyn

To my pup who made me smile, to my pup who made me laugh, to my pup who showed me how to live with great love and enduring strength. To my sweetest, most gentle pup Kobie...You're in my heart forever! Love Mom▼

Kobie and Baby Kiko

Kobie

photos courtesy R. Robatyn

Kiko

To My Sister

by Kiko

Hi Kobie...I miss you already and I just wanted you to know that I will take very good care of Mom now, and will remember all the things you taught me, and the good times we had even after you got sick. I'm sorry about all those times I tried to pick a fight with you—as you know, I'm more terrier than poodle, so it's just my nature. You were a great sister and I love you very much.▼

photo courtesy R. Rohatyn

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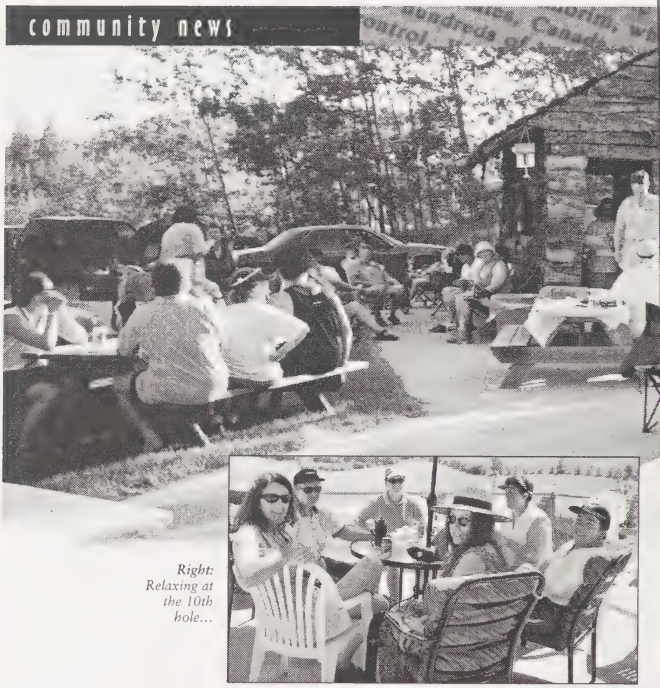

Right: Relaxing at the 10th hole...

Fore-th Annual Womonspace Golf Tournament

by Shawna L. Mochnacz

Once again, a good time was had by all on July 12th at the Womonspace Golf Tournament in Bashaw, Alberta. The weather was perfect, the course was beautiful, and there were dykes everywhere. The morning and afternoon tee-times gave everyone ample time to experience downtown Bashaw, the Hippie Beverage Cart Grrls, tour the Canola fields, and hone their Bocce ball skills in the camping area. Pauline and Maria, owners of the Country 9 Golf Course, once again hosted the wonderful aprés-golf BBQ. A big thank you goes out to tourney organizer extrordinaire Carol Cattell, who did an outstanding job once again, along with her teamsters Jenn, Trish, Shelly, Dana, Rae and Jaimie. Womonspace would like to thank the tourney sponsors for their generous support: Roxy Theatre Network, Wendy' on Wye, Jackie from Orlando's Corner, Alternative Video on Whyte, and Verna Mumby. If you need to have more fun in your life, mark your calender for next year's Womonspace Golf Tourney, already booked for July 17th.▼

photos courtesy S. MacIntosz

Above: Carol at the BBQ

Above: The Grrls of Bocce Ball...

Right: Yet ANOTHER photo of me...

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Cat On a Hot Tin Roof

by Kari-ann Kuperis

Do you ever wonder how cats got to be the way they are, exactly? What is it about that pea-sized brain in that furry body that makes them act the way they do? My life with my cats very much resembles that moving story of a neurotic, dysfunctional Southern family with its rivalries, tensions, and avarice that makes up the title of this piece. There is no reference to the South, per se, but I was having bad thoughts about IKEA the other day (why don't they just give up and move to friggin' Red Deer already?), so I guess that counts. Where to start, where to start…let's go with avarice. Annie, my fluffy, white girl kitty, has a thing for pillows. Specifically, the one I'm lying on. We could be in a room containing every pillow on the face of the planet, but she wouldn't be satisfied until she had the one I was using. It doesn't even matter if my head is on it—she'll wedge herself in between my giant noggin and the wall because she knows I'll eventually give in and switch pillows, leaving her with a new target for acquisition. Next, let's go with rivalries. Tense rivalries. Tense, dysfunctional rivalries. Yup, that's what we'll go with. Bruce, my boy cat (see last year's Pets issue for a full picture of The Bruce Situation), is generally a cranky little bastard (new nickname = Brucifer). Some days, however, he goes completely postal on his poor, pillow-stealing sister. First, he'll give her a look like he's hopped up on goofballs and she's a family-sized bag of Doritos. Then, he starts with that yowling noise I won't even try to describe (if you're a cat person, you know what I mean. If you're a dog/fish/bird/snake/ ferret person, we'll just say it's distinctive). The coup de grace is a move that would make a wrestler proud—he comes down off of the ropes with his patented Neck Bite Maneuver, wherein she starts yowling. This is followed by me yelling at him, leading to his other patented move, the I Didn't Do Anything Slink Away. What have I missed? Ah, yes. Neurosis. I had to look up neurotic to see what, exactly it means. Turns out, it's abnormal anxieties or obsessive behaviour. I guess we can tick this one off the list as well. Both cats do that thing where they'll all of the sudden stare in a certain direction in a deadly serious way. I can never tell what they're looking at—is it a moth? Is it an axe murderer? As for obsessive behaviour, Annie has this one spot on her back where if you scratch her, she'll go into licking hyperdrive. Your arm, the couch, the axe murderer she was staring at earlier, it doesn't matter—it's gettin' a lickin'. So, as you can see, my life with cats does kinda resemble a certain film. Fortunately, it's not one starring Pauly Shore.▼

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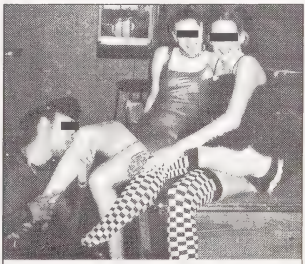

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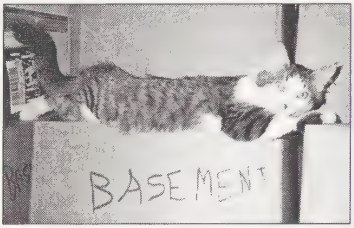

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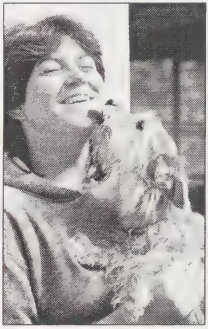

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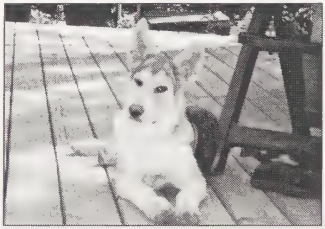

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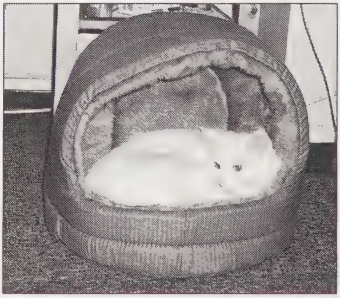

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Above: Of course the ball went in!

Above: Even hippies need a break...

Above: So close to the pig... practically touching!

Right: Beverage Cart Hippies serenade the fairways.

PRIZES MORNING:
1st: Karen/Barb/Gail/Marylou (Golf shirts)
2nd: Roz/Karen/Zoe/Jenn (T-shirts)
Last: Julie/Tina/Rachel/Shawna (Pridewear packs)
Longest drive: Kris K. (Sleeveless shirt)
Longest putt: Karen Mohr and Gail Stewart (Fleece vest, hat)
Closest to pin: Jaimie Clements (Golf club)
Closest to pig: Karen Harrison (Shirt)
Shortest drive: Debra Hathaway (Head covers)

PRIZES AFTERNOON:
1st: Sharon Lee/Carol/Carrie/Kathy (Golf shirts)
2nd: Rita/Mary/Barb/Katherine (T-shirts)
Last: Bernice/Denise/Austin/Mac (Bandanas)
Longest Drive: Sharon Lee (Sleeveless shirt)
Longest putt: Verna Mumby (Fleece shirt)
Closest to pin: Sharon Lee (Golf bag)
Shortest drive: Jennifer Strong (Head covers)
Closest to pig: Sharon Lee and Carol (Long sleeve shirt, hat)

Most total putts:
Sal/Noreen/Andrea/Bernice (T-shirts)
Fewest total putts:
Marylou/Gail/Barb/Karen (Umbrellas)
Most balls lost in woods:
Sharon/Carol/Carrie/Kathy (Sleeve balls)
Lost balls in water: Jaimie/Jen/Sarah/Rae (Sleeve balls)
Most divots fixed:
Rene/Candace/Danny/Heather (Pizza passes)
Most lost balls: Julie/Tina/Rachel/Shawna

Hey, finally, the last photo of me you will see in the newsletter!

Good-Bye Newsletter

by Shawna L. Mochnacz

This is my last issue as the womonspace newsletter editor, and I wanted to take the opportunity to say good-bye and thank everyone for their support. (Yeah, I couldn't edit myself on page two to make this fit there!) To Marcey, who will also be resigning after the AGM in October, thank you so much for your professionalism, creative wizardry, and the occasional shoulder to cry on. You gave the newsletter a slick look that made people want to read, and as the genius behind Snatch, you made me really laugh out loud. To the Board, thank you all for your support, and thank you so much to the highly praised and valued newsletter team, Ria the Ads Grrl, and Carolina, the Webmistress. You are really a great bunch of people and I learned a lot from each of you. I will miss the newsletter, but with increased responsibility at work and my own personal writing projects, I'm sure I will manage to stay out of trouble. My voice as Dr. Dyke seems to have calmed down, and I'm looking forward to some nice quiet time. I highly recommend running for a Board position at the AGM in October, and the newsletter will definitely need a few good women asap so that next month, you are holding a newsletter in your hands. Working for the community in this capacity has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done, and I have enjoyed it so much, wishing more than once that it was my real job. This is a great community to be a part of, and I enjoyed meeting everyone who connected with the newsletter, and with Womonspace.▼

List your organization or event here. Call 482-1794 or womonspace@hotmail.com

arts

Circle Dance First Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM at Southminster Steinhauer United Church, 10740-19 Ave. Call Ann at 435-2288.

Edmonton Vocal Minority Mixed voice choir. Join as a singer or a supporter. Call 479-2038 or evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Out at the Symphony For gay and lesbian music lovers and their friends. Call Paul at the ESO 429-1992, ext 240.

Women's Drumming and Goddess Chanting Circle First Wednesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. Call Debra at 436-8415.

athletics

Curling League Fridays at Shamrock Curling Club. No previous experience required. Call Lance at 479-0211 or ldeeka@hotmail.com

Making Waves Swim Club Sundays 8 PM and Thursdays 8:30 PM at Bonnie Doon Pool. Call Jan at 454-9987 or makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com

Northern Titans A mixed bowling league looking for new members. We bowl for fun!! Saturdays 5–7 PM at Gateway Lanes. Season starts in September and ends in April. For info contact Joy or Kelsi at 922-4302.

Women's Slowpitch Season runs May–Sept. $30 fee includes end of season party. Keep it in mind for spring! Mixed group. For info call Tina at 423-9925 or fixitina@shaw.ca

churches

Affirm United A support group for members of the United Church of Canada. Call Therese at 446-6176.

Brethren Mennonite Council For gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Call Heather at 987-4974, or email jonrach@ msn.com

Dignity Edmonton For gay, lesbian and bisexual Roman Catholics and friends. Call Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218, trainlvr@ compusmart.ab.ca

Lambda Christian Community Church A non-denominational, evangelical Christian church. Sundays at 7 PM at Garneau United Place, 11148-84 Ave. Call 474-0753.

Lutherans Concerned A spiritual community for GLBT and straight people gathering monthly for worship, sharing and friendship. Individual support, resources and a safe space for spiritual questions. Call 426-0905, lcedmonton@lcna.org

McDougall United Church Welcomes people of all sexual orientations. Sundays at 10:30 AM at 10086 McDonald Dr. Call 428-1818.

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church Welcomes all sexual orientations and is an affirming United Church. Sundays at 10 AM at 10740-19 Ave. Call the church office at 435-2028 or Debbie at 987-4974.

Unitarian Church of Edmonton Worship and services of union. Sundays at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM at 12530-110 Ave. Call 454-8073, uce@ compusmart.ab.ca

focus groups

AGAPE A focus group set up to consider issues in relation to sex-and-gender differences and schooling. Contact andre.grace@ualberta.ca or wellsk@icrossroads.com

hangouts for lesbians

Cafe Mosaics: 10844 Whyte Ave; **French Meadow:** 11212 Jasper Ave; **Prism:** 10249-107 St; **The Roost:** 10345-104 St; **Urban Grind:** 10124-124 St.

leisure groups

Breakfast Club Second Sunday of the month. Call Dianne at 433-0374 before PM the Fri before to ensure your reservation.

Classics Social group for lesbians over 40. First Sunday of the month. Call Dori at 487-9510.

Edmonton Women Social/activity group meets monthly. Contact Tracy at 619-9723.

Liatris Society Gardening club for all. Call William at 474-7328 or liatrissociety@hotmail.com

National Leather Association Social evening on the second Friday of each month 8:30 PM at The Roost, 10345-104 St.

Open Door Club Social club for Grant MacEwan Community College students and friends. opendoorclub@hotmail.com

OUTreach For LGBT students, staff, and faculty at U of A. Tuesdays 5 PM, Athabasca Hall. outreach@ualberta.ca

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose Last Wednesday of the month, 8 PM, The Garage. wildrosecourt@yahoo.com

support services

Alcoholics Anonymous Gay and lesbian meetings. Call 424-5900.

Bisexual Support Group GLCCE, last Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM. Contact 488-3234 or 488-0564 ext 1.

Bisexual Women's Coffee Group Meets the third Monday of the month, varioius locations. Contact bwcoffeegroup@yahoo.ca

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association Second Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM at Orlando Books. Call Bill 422-6207.

GLCCE Gay and Lesbian Community Center for drop-in, peer counseling and library. M–F 1:30 PM–5:30 PM, and 7–10 PM. Thursdays 7:30 PM are women's drop-in. Call 488-3234 or glcce@compusmart. ab.ca, 9912-106 St.

ICARE Interfaith Center for AIDS/HIV Resources and Education. Call Mickey Wilson at 448-1768 or icare@oanet.com

PFLAG/T Support for parents, families and friends of LGBT. Third Tuesday of the month 7:30 PM at GLCCE. Call Lynne at 462-5958 or pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca

Transgender/Transsexual Support GLLCE, second and fourth Tuesdays of the month 7:30 PM. Info: 488-3234.

Yours, Mine, Ours & Us Support group for LGBT parents, co-parents and partners. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311.

Youth Understanding Youth Social and support group for LGBT age 25 and under. Saturdays 7–9 PM at GLCCE, email yuyedm@hotmail.com, or visit yuyouth@tripod.com

radio

Gaywire Lesbian, gay and bisexual news, interviews and music. Thursdays 6–7 PM on CJSR 88.5 FM.

Sonic Sisters Women's music hosted by Cori Brewster Tuesdays 7–8 PM on CJSR 88.5 FM.

classifieds

Classified ad deadline is 5 PM on September 15th. Three lines max. Free to members, $5 to non-members. Contact womonspace @hotmail.com

accommodations

Pine Trails Getaway near Pigeon Lake. Open year round with cabins, hiking, x-country skiing, skating and more. Call Geri 586-0002.

Seashell Housekeeping Units. Down East Nova Scotia Hospitality by Marie & Nan. June 15–Oct 15. (902) 224-1563

Quiet country vacation cabins near Jasper, AB. Open year round. Call Mary or Carol toll free 1-866-817-9700/www.oldentrance.ab.ca

opportunities

I am an editorial portait photographer looking for lesbians to volunteer for my fun little project Dykes in Their Favourite Hats—Across Canada. For more information, please contact me, Wendy at pooguboo@sympatico.ca

Womonspace is looking for an apprentice to take over the website. Contact womonspace@hotmail.com

The Lesbian Writing Group will resume our meetings in late September. We're a relaxed group of women who get together once a month to motivate each other to keep pen to paper. If you like to write (poetry, fiction, non-fiction, even music lyrics) or think you might like to, contact Suzanne (455-9344 or suzannemdawson@canada.com) or Jaimie (465-7468 or tjclem@telus.net) for more details.

For all your automotive service needs, visit Sonya at Auto MD, 10562-104 Street. Lesbian co-owned, and lesbian mechanics. Call Michelle to make an appointment at 420-6272.

announcements

womonspace is looking for a regular column, starting in the November issue. Send your ideas to womonspace@hotmail.com

Womonspace is looking for a new newsletter editor and designer. Contact womonspace@hotmail.com asap.

Check out the new and official EVM website at http://www.evmchoir.com

The Best of Dr. Dyke—Pets Advice

Dear Dr. Dyke,
The woman I'm dating has only one cat, but the cat sheds like crazy. It's everywhere! All over her clothes, in the car, in the kitchen, when we kiss—it's everywhere! I really like her, but I don't know about all the cat hair!

—Signed, Petcetera

Dear P,
Dr. Dyke can certainly shed a little light on the subject, as the proud Momma of a certain white long-haired kitty, affectionately known as the Shed-O-Matic 3000. (Her name is really Ashly, and her hobbies include shedding and glaring, and she likes piña coladas and getting caught in the rain, military march music, and lettuce.) While the Angora look was cool in the '80s (hmmm...was it? Was it, really?) the good people at Sticky Lint Roller have Dr. Dyke on their permanent Christmas card mailing list. Take it from Dr. Dyke, buying in bulk will go a long way to preserving your relationship! Definite things NOT to do include complaining about the cat hair—she loves her cat more than you right now, and has been living in a world where a little cat hair on her hot dog won't kill anyone. Also wrong, giving her cat a haircut. (Seriously, what's wrong with you?) Try bonding with the little shedder by brushing her. Not only does it help control the shedding, but it provides you with great amusement, as you comb an entire other cat outta her cat. Most lesbians have pets, and pet hair is a fact of life. Look past the fur and focus on the important things, like why she won't shave her back.

Dear Dr. Dyke,
I have been with my partner for just a year now, and still, one of her dogs doesn't like me. I really have tried everything, but Tango just won't warm up to me. Not just that, but I think he hates me, and is jealous. I really don't know what to do—my partner refuses to believe me and thinks I'm being silly.

–Signed, Petsmart

Dear P,
I'm not sure there are any doggy psychotherapists out there (but if you're reading Dr. Poochwell, let us know!), so Dr. Dyke is here to tell you, based on past experiences with Siamese cats, that yes, the dog hates you. Just accept it. You are a threat to his/her relationship with Mommy, and Tango wants you dead. Now, knowing this, you must plot to (a) Kill Tango first, or (b) Realize that you ARE being silly. If you have warmed Mommy's heart, you are likely a wonderful person, and the fact that you worry that a dog doesn't like you is sweet (okay, and a little co-dependant, but hey, who isn't?!). I'm sure Tango loves you, but since Mommy was there first, it can just never be the same with you. Keep trying to win Tango over. You probably already have, and just can't see it yet. Try to find something that only you will do with Tango to bond you— whether it's grooming, feeding of a certain food, or playing with a certain toy. You need reassurance in something concrete, but also trust Mommy—she knows her babies! All of them!!

Bored? Try the Board! The Womonspace Annual General Meeting will take place in October prior to the dance. Stay tuned for more details...

womonspace membership form

(Confidentiality Assured)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

12 month membership fee:

$15/single or $25/couple (with one newsletter)

$15/associate (Friends of Womonspace; newsletter only)

Cheque or money order payable to: Womonspace, Box 128 Main P.O., Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3K4 Phone: (780) 482-1794 (low income available)

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❑ I would like to be a volunteer

❑ Please mail my newsletter to my home

❑ I will pick up the newsletter at dances and events

❑ I would not like to be a volunteer at dances and events

❑ I would like to receive a copy of the Womonspace Constitution

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